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FOREWORD

Another school year is finished, and another *Chief* chronicles the outstanding events of a graduating class. It has been our purpose to include the things that will in the years to come serve as a reminder of our happy school days.

We have put into this book our best efforts and have called for assistance upon many friends both in the faculty and student body, to whom we are deeply grateful.

The Chief of the Class of 1940 is not intended for a literary production, rather it is our effort to reflect the varied life of the Etowah School during the past years.

It is your book to do with as you will.

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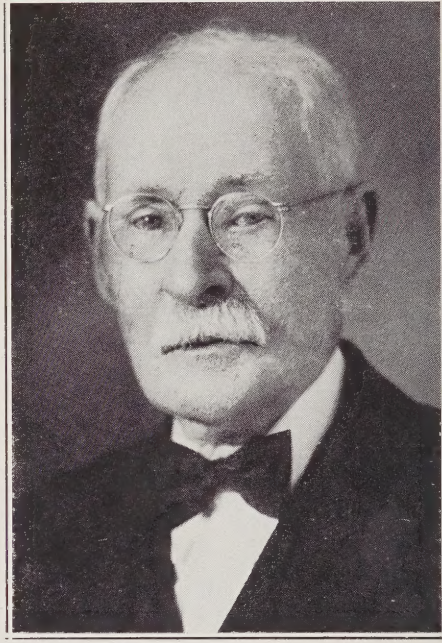
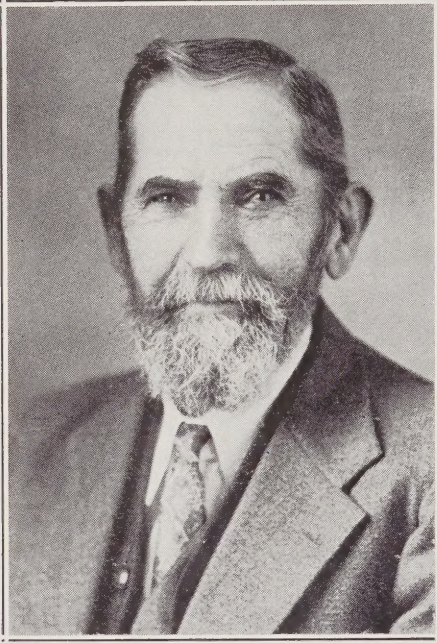
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DEDICATION

To RALPH W. JONES

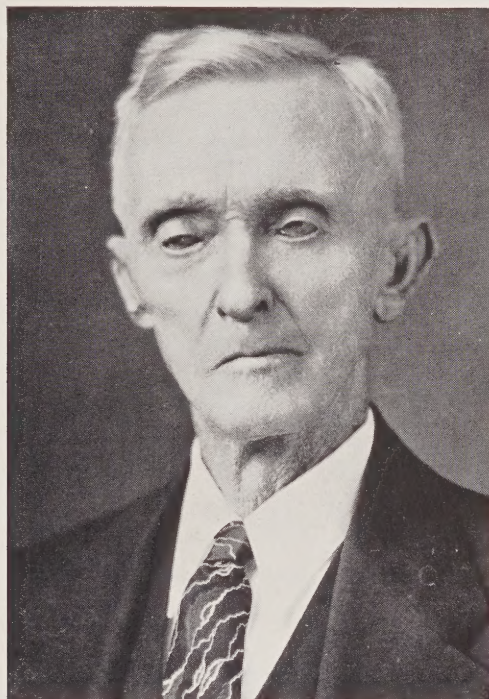
who has served faithfully and efficiently as the Principal of the Etowah High School since its consolidation in 1928, and whose wise counsel and unfailing interest has ever been an inspiration to his students, we dedicate this "Chief" with the respect and love of the Class of 1940.



A TRIBUTE

In this edition of *The Chief* we wish to pay tribute to Mr. J. O. Houston and to Mr. Charley O. English. These gentlemen have contributed much to the economic, social, and educational upbuilding of Henderson County. It was while they were serving in the official capacity of County Commissioners that the Etowah School building was erected.

The Class of 1940 and the entire student body, as well as the faculty and community, wishes to express to them their heart-felt gratitude and appreciation.



IN MEMORY
OF

James Wilson Morgan

A FAITHFUL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

AND

A GENEROUS AND LOYAL FRIEND

TO

HENDERSON COUNTY AND ETOWAH HIGH SCHOOL

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*"So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravans that moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."*

CLASS POEM

By LUCILLE WILSON, *Class Poet*

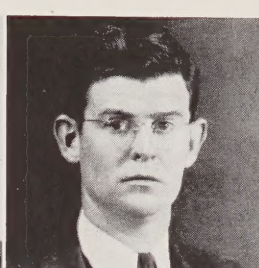
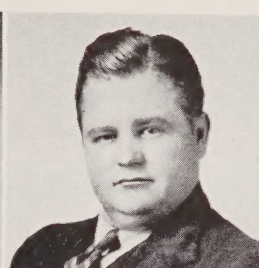
GOOD-BYE

The shadow of a dying day,
Falls on the wooded hills,
The last bright beams of sunset rest
On fields, and rippling rills.
Before its last rays slowly fade
From the peaks so grim and high,
With a heavy heart, this class must say
Sad parting words—*Good-bye!*

To our friends and our parents
We must say, our gratitude is yours,
For love, understanding, and sympathy,
Of a kind that forever endures.
We hope in our lives in the future,
That we'll cause you no grief nor sigh
When, to our happy days of school,
We've bade our last—*Good-bye!*

Dear teachers, we promise to remember
The lessons you have taught,
And perfect in the future years
The work you so patiently wrought.
And to you, teachers, may God grant
Rich gifts, as the years roll by,
And we hope you'll always remember
The class of '40, who now say—*Good-bye!*

Good-bye to the class, it's not farewell,
We all again must meet.
Even tho' those happy times are few,
The days of youth are so fleet.
We all have great aims for the future
To learn much, and some rise high,
But we each will always remember
When to High School, we said—*Good-bye!*



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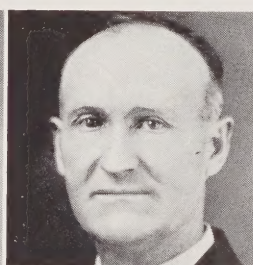
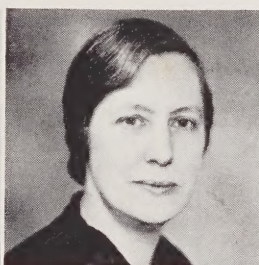
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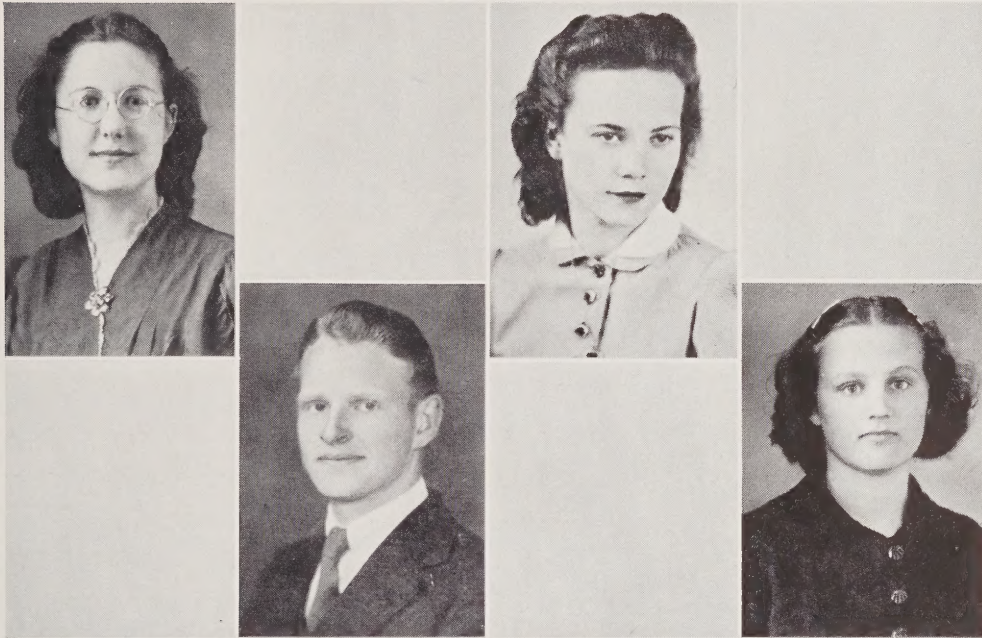
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SENIOR SUGGESTIONS

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Is</i>	<i>Aspiration</i>	<i>Noted For</i>
"Baby" Grey	Funny	To giggle	Her generosity
"Jonnie" Snyder	Curious	To Primp	Her dignity
"Jack" Corn	Bashful	To fly airplanes	Tacky parties
"Scatterbrain" McKenna	Forgetful	To fall in love	Dancing
"Sal" Clayton	Quiet	To eat pie	Her modesty
"Nell" Cairnes	Neat	Become famous	Dependability
"Dene" Cairnes	Fragile	Live by herself	Latin translations
"Jimmy" Wilson	Bossy	Drive a Coca-Cola truck	Cooking
"Music" Gonce	Cookie	Be a boss	Her blonde curls
"Chocolate" Clayton	Homely	Be an old maid	Her thoughtfulness
"Deecie" Clayton	Glamorous	To flirt	Her trips to Gastonia
"Eddie" Sitton	Longing	Be a fortune teller	Her sparkling eyes
"Guber" Hollingsworth	Clumsy	Own a pick-up	Her congeniality
"Till" Merrill	Frivolous	Be a friend to man	Her prophecies
"Twin" Wilson	Ambitious	To own a laundry	Eating
"Twin" Wilson	Boyish	To live in the country	Farming
"Broad" Blackwell	Fiesty	Be a professional ball player	Writing
"Will" Gash	Learning fast	To be a chemist	Beating time
"Slim" Conner	Pretty	To be prettier	Fishing in French Broad
"Simp" Simpson	Tall	To live by himself	Delivering messages
"Cam" Houk	Innocent	Land feet first when falling	Athletics
"Jr" Adcock	Witty	To play hookey	Skipping classes
"Clearance" Williams	Clever	To work on a farm	Quietness
"James" Smith	Industrious	To run a fruit store	Advertising



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	HELEN WILSON
<i>Vice-President</i>	WILLIAM GASH
<i>Secretary</i>	HELEN McKENNA
<i>Treasurer</i>	LILLIAN WILSON
<i>Class Poet</i>	LUCILLE WILSON
<i>Class Prophet</i>	ALMA MERRILL
<i>Historian</i>	NORMA NELL CORN
<i>Testator</i>	EULAH GREY
<i>Salutatorian</i>	CALLIE NELL CAIRNES
<i>Valedictorian</i>	HELEN WILSON

SENIORS OF '40



C. W. ADCOCK, JR.—*"Chatter"*

Softball '38, '39; Basketball '40; Horse Shoe Club '39; Senior Play '40

"I'm as innocent as a new laid egg"

BROADETH BLACKWELL—*"Broad"*

Basketball '37, '38, '39, '40; Softball '39; Glee Club '39; Senior Play '40; Most Practical Boy

"I'm a politician and my other habits are good"

CLAUDINE CAIRNES—*"Dene"*

Class Secretary '38; Glee Club '37, '38, '39; Home Ec. Club '37, '38, '39, '40; Basketball '40; Softball '39; Best Dressed Girl

"By grannies, I'll make a ghost out of him that lets me"

NELLIE CAIRNES—*"Nell"*

Class President '37; Glee Club '37, '38, '39; Beta Club '39; Senior Play '40; Salutatorian '40; Staff of The Chief '40; Most Dependable Girl

"A little trust, that when we die we reap by sowing and-so-good-bye"

CHARLOTTE CLAYTON—*"Chocolate"*

Glee Club '37, '38, '39; Home Ec. Club '37, '38, '39, '40; Old Maid

"An old maid of my age will marry any good white man"

SALOME CLAYTON—*"Sal"*

Home Ec. Club '37, '38, '39, '40; Glee Club '37, '38, '39; Most Modest Girl

"A good heart is better than all heads in the world"

VERNON CONNER—*"Slim"*

Valley Springs '37, '38; Basketball '40; Softball '39; Senior Play '40; Most Handsome Boy

"I never flunked, I never lied, I reckon I never knew how"

JACKIE CORN—*"Jack"*

Glee Club '37, '38, '39; Home Ec. Club '40; Senior Play '40; Wall Flower; Historian

"Smile and the world will smile with you"

WILLIE GASH—"Will"

Softball '37, '38, '39, '40; Vice-President '38, '39, '40; Senior Play '40; Staff of The Chief '40; Best Dressed Boy

*"Take care of the sense and the sound
will take care of it's self"*

RUTH GONCE—"Babe"

Glee Club '37, '38, '39; Home Ec. Club '40; 4-H Club '37; Most Conceited Girl

*"My heart is like a singing bird, the
sweetest thing I ever heard"*

EULAH GREY—"Baby"

Glee Club '37, '38, '39; Softball '39; Home Ec. Club '37, '38, '39, '40; Senior Play '40; Testator '40; Class Baby

"They that laugh win"

BLANCHE HOLLINGSWORTH—"Guber"

Home Ec. Club '37, '38, '39, '40; Class Treasurer '37; Salutatorian '39; Editor-in-Chief of The Chief '40; Most Congenial Girl

*"Over the hill to the poor house I'm
trudging my weary way"*

CAMERON HOUK—"Cam"

Basketball '38, '39, '40; Glee Club '39; Staff of The Chief '40; Most Athletic Boy

"Like a dog I hunt in my dreams"

ALMA MERRILL—"Till"

Basketball '37, '38, '39, '40; Softball '37, '38, '39, '40; Glee Club '37, '38, '39; Senior Play '40; Class Prophecy; Best Personality

*"I've never seen a greater monster or
miracle than myself"*

HELEN McKENNA—"Scatterbrain"

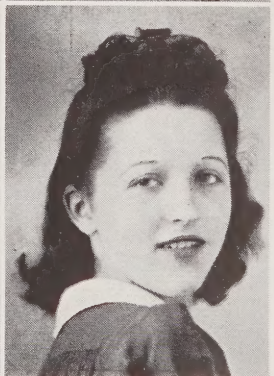
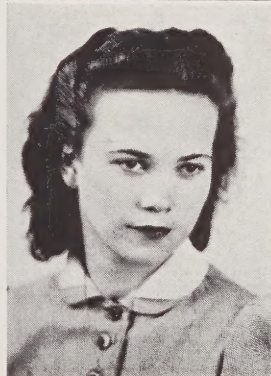
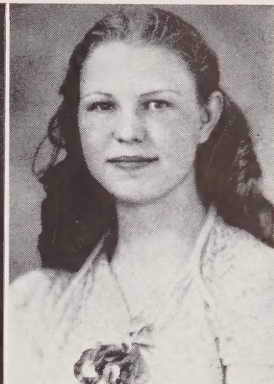
Softball '36, '37, '38, '39; Basketball '37, '38, '39, '40; Glee Club '37, '38; Staff of The Chief '40; Senior Play '40; Most Popular Girl

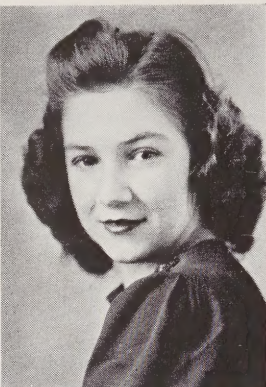
*"It's no matter what you do if your
heart's true"*

CAROLYN ORR—"Deecie"

Glee Club '37, '38, '39; Softball '39; Home Ec. Club '37, '38, '39; Senior Play '40; Staff of The Chief; Prettiest Girl

"Marriage is a desperate thing to tackle"





JESSE LEE SIMPSON—"Jess"

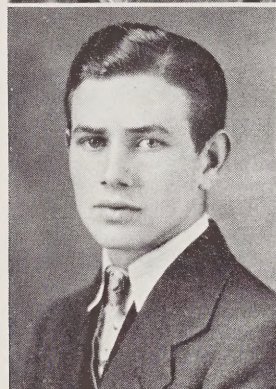
Basketball '40; Glee Club '39; 4-H Club '38, '39, '40; Vice-President Agricultural Club '40; Agricultural Reporter '39; Class Bachelor

"Nobody loves life like an old man"

EDITH SITTON—"Eddie"

Pickens, S. C., '36, '37, '38; Glee Club '36, '37, '38; Home Ec. Club '40; Softball '39; Beta Club '39; Class Jitterbug

"Silence is more musical than a song"



JAMES SMITH—"Bashful"

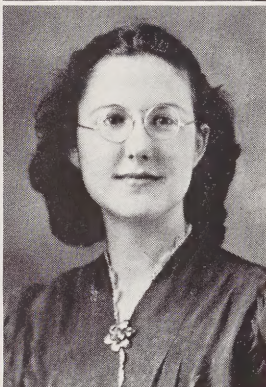
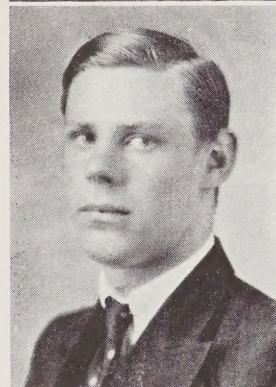
Agricultural Club '37, '38, '39, '40; President Agricultural Club '37; Most Dignified Boy

"It's strange what a man may do and yet the women think him an angel"

THELMA SNYDER—"Jonnie"

Home Ec. Club '37, '38, '39, '40; Glee Club '37, '38; Basketball '37; Autumn Queen '39; Most Dignified Girl

"Live and enjoy life while you may"



CLARENCE WILLIAMS—"Sambo"

Agricultural Club '37, '38, '39, '40; Most Congenial Boy

"A wise man never loses anything if he has himself"

HELEN WILSON—"Chim"

Glee Club '37, '38, '39; Class President '38, '39, '40; Valedictorian '39, '40; Most Studious Girl

"Men delight me not"



LILLIAN WILSON—"Twin"

Class Treasurer '39, '40; Home Ec. Club '37, '38, '39, '40; Softball '38; Glee Club '37; Senior Play '40; Most Practical Girl

"One day in the country is worth a month in town"

LUCILLE WILSON—"Twin"

Glee Club '37; Home Ec. Club '37, '38, '39, '40; Treasurer Home Ec. Club '37; Class Poet '40; Most Ambitious Girl

"I seek none other than knowledge"

CLASS PROPHECY

By ALMA MERRILL, Class Prophet

Time flies, as we all know, and the year 1960 is at hand. Let us roll the years away and see what has happened to the Class of 1940 since that great eventful day when the gates of Etowah High School opened and poured us as trusting graduates out into a strange, unimpressed world.

Everyone now knows, of course, that Miss Carolyn Orr's good looks won a contract as an artist model. She is now posing for Camel Cigarette advertisements.

Miss Edith Sitton is looking into the future as fortune teller in the Bruce and Bailey Circus.

Miss Helen Wilson, our class president, is now a United States Senator from North Carolina. She is introducing a bill for a pension for old maids.

Miss Jackie Corn, a daring young lady, has made a name for herself as a famous aviatrix.

Mr. Jesse Lee Simpson has become the second George Burns and is doing a skit on the radio every night with Nannie Goodman. As a second hobby he is writing love poems.

Miss Ruth Gonce's leadership in connection with W. P. A. won her the distinctive place as captain in the United States Army.

Miss Claudene Cairnes' mouth has at least proved to be of some value to her. She is now acting as a double for Martha Ray.

Mr. Clarence Williams, who was president of the student body N. R. A., has caused quite a sensation by "broadcasting Einstein's Theory" to include chemistry.

Mrs. Williams, who before her marriage was Miss Blanche Hollingsworth, has just sold two million copies of her book in which she is trying to convince the public "the longest way 'round is the sweetest way home."

Mrs. Jason Laughter, the former Miss Eulah Grey, is now the head of the Asiatic Fleet stationed at Honkong, China.

Miss Charlotte Clayton is now a Latin teacher at the Dallas Institute for old maids past forty.

Miss Salome Clayton, a former dietitian of Lyda Memorial Hospital, Brevard, N. C., is now on a furlough in the middle of Africa where she is waiting on a native dignitary.

Miss Lillian Wilson is now planning on making her fortune as head nurse of the Bellviere Hospital, New York City.

Mrs. Horace Hoofsnogher, the former Miss Nellie Cairnes, is now owner of the Rock and Rough Dude Ranch.

Miss Lucille Wilson, a well known race track "bookie", now makes her home in San Diego, California.

Mrs. Dewey Hamilton, the former Miss Thelma Snyder, is suing for a divorce which she hopes will be granted. She is spending two weeks in Reno, Nevada.

Mr. Broadeth Blackwell, a great professional basketball player, is now spending his vacation on Jump-Off Mountain, his childhood home.

Mr. Willie Gash gained so much experience at healing broken hearts at E. H. S., that he decided to become a heart specialist. He is now with the John Hopkins Hospital.

Mr. Junior Adcock is now a great politician. He is at present spending his vacation at home near Kildooly Mill Pond.

Mr. Vernon Conner is now in Japan competing in the Olympics, representing the United States as the world's greatest hog-caller.

Mr. James Smith is now a retired policeman of New York City. He hopes to get the old age pension before so very long.

Miss Helen McKenna, who is head waitress in the S. & W., is running for United States Senator from North Carolina.

Miss Alma Merrill, the class flirt, is now giving advice to the lonely hearts for a New York paper.

And my other class-mates: Sometimes I hear from them. They, too, are doing great things. I feel a great joy in their accomplishments and am glad that I once had opportunity to associate with them at Etowah High School.







JUNIOR CLASS

OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	EDDIE LEE CORN
<i>Vice-President</i>	GLEN SIMPSON
<i>Secretary</i>	OPAL DALTON
<i>Treasurer</i>	IMOGENE ALLEN

CLASS ROLL

Imogene Allen	Hamilton Boyd
Nora Lee Allen	Cecil Cairnes
Wanda Anders	Coy Dalton
Maudine Bell	Palmer Drake
Eddie Lee Corn	Ellis Garren
Opal Dalton	Ralph Jones
Maxine Hollingsworth	J. B. Laughter
Freda Marona	Wade Laughter
Dorothy Simpson	Joyce McKinney
Ruth Stamey	Glen Simpson
Hamilton Hollingsworth	



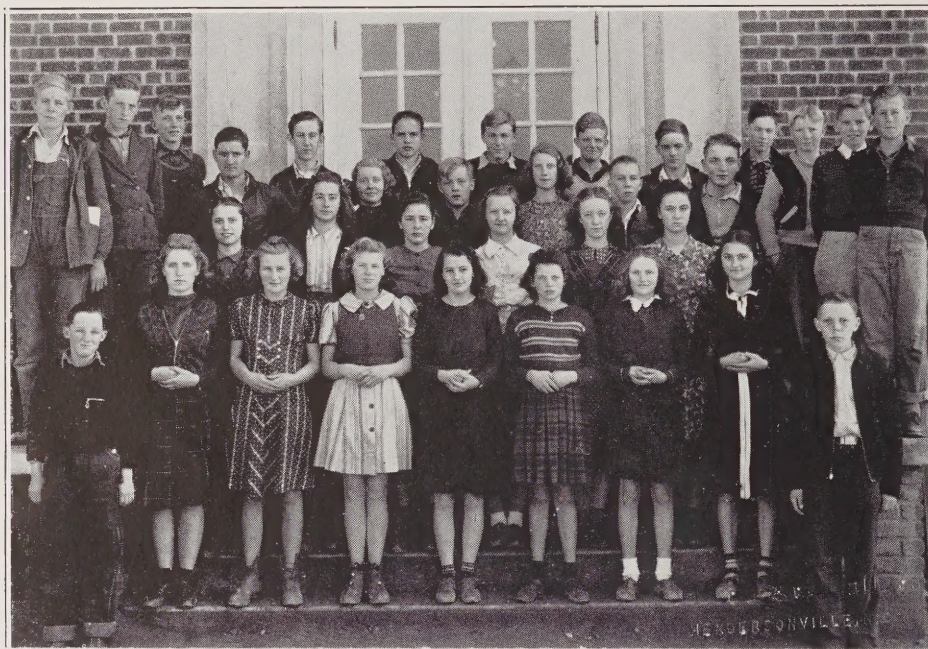
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<i>Treasurer</i>	MILDRED WHITESIDE

CLASS ROLL

Henrietta Briggs	Louise Adcock	Richard Norris
Mildred Whiteside	Lucille Allison	Billie Arrington
Julia Davis	Swannie Price	George Moffitt
Rosella Ball	Viola Edwards	J. P. Huggins, Jr.
Marjorie Merrill	Rose Mae Cappelle	Perry Bell
Mary Alice Merrill	Ulysses Nelson	William McKenna
Vera Allison	Paul Moffitt	Richard Sentelle
Nancy Lee Wright	Cecil Morgan	Henry Garren
Stella Allison	Jesse Snyder	Marvin Simpson
Boyd Henderson		Jack Dalton



FRESHMAN CLASS

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<i>Secretary</i>	JEWEL SIMPSON
<i>Treasurer</i>	FLORENCE GRAY

CLASS ROLL

Gertrude Duncan	Ruth Hollingsworth	Jack Stamey
Jewel Simpson	Myrtle Sexton	Cleo King
Myrtle Greer	Fay Garren	James Earl Adcock
Mildred Hollingsworth	Delno Clayton	Howard Capps
Lois Greer	Harold Huggins	Clarence Cantrell
Lois Curtis	Frazier Sentelle	Buster Buckner
Maxine Orr	John Norris	Harry Smathers
Vaughtie Edwards	James Valsame	Bryan Merrill, Jr.
Florence Gray	Glen Nicholson	Bill Moffitt
Lillian Smith	D. C. Banks	Alvin Gilbert
Willie Prince	Leon Conner	Bill Laughter
Aurelia Jenkins	James Long	Luther Cappelle
Mary Prince	Shirley Baynard	Mark Moore
	Arnold Wells	

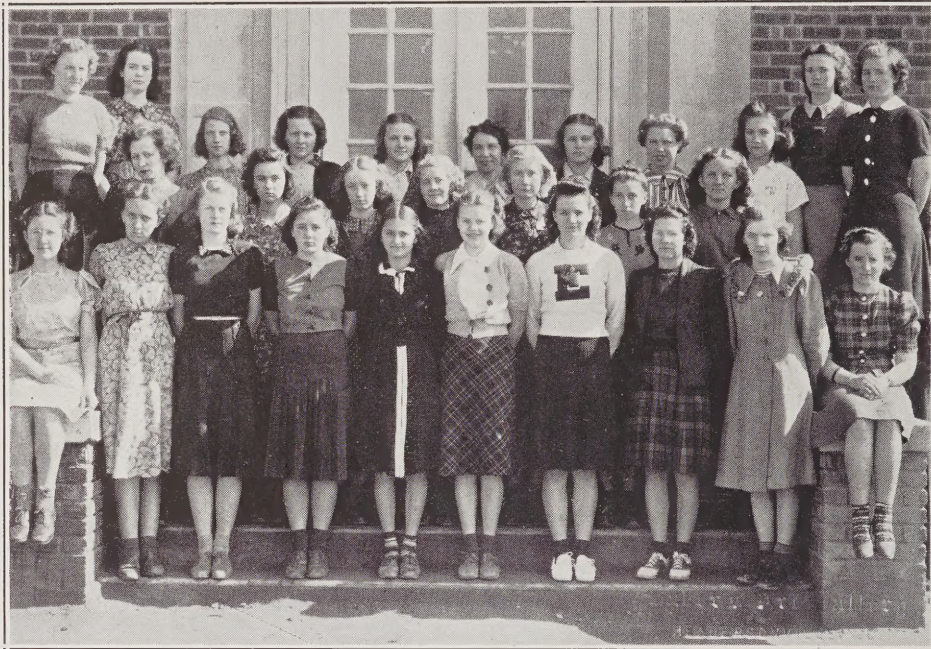


GLEE CLUB

MEMBERS

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Opal Dalton
Mary Prince
Nancy Lee Wright
Stella Allison
Delno Clayton
Florence Gray
Swannie Price
Lois Greer
Rosella Ball

Freda Marona
Marjorie Merrell
Wanda Anders
Dorothy Simpson
Nora Lee Allen
Aurelia Jenkins
Gertrude Duncan
Maxine Orr
Fay Garren
Myrtle Sexton
Mary Alice Merrell



HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

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<i>Secretary</i>	MARJORIE MERRILL
<i>Treasurer</i>	LOUISE ADCOCK
<i>Advisor</i>	MRS. CORPENING

MEMBERS

Louise Adcock	Gertrude Duncan	Eulah Grey
Mildred Whiteside	Vera Allison	Nell Cairnes
Helen Wilson	Lillian Wilson	Blanche Hollingsworth
Charlotte Clayton	Lucille Wilson	Thelma Snyder
Freda Marona	Ruth Gonce	Myrtle Greer
Fay Garren	Edith Sitton	Delno Clayton
Mary Prince	Marjorie Merrill	Aurelia Jenkins
Salome Clayton	Opal Dalton	Stella Allison
Henrietta Briggs	Jackie Corn	Nancy Lee Wright
Helen McKenna		Claudene Cairnes



AGRICULTURAL CLUB

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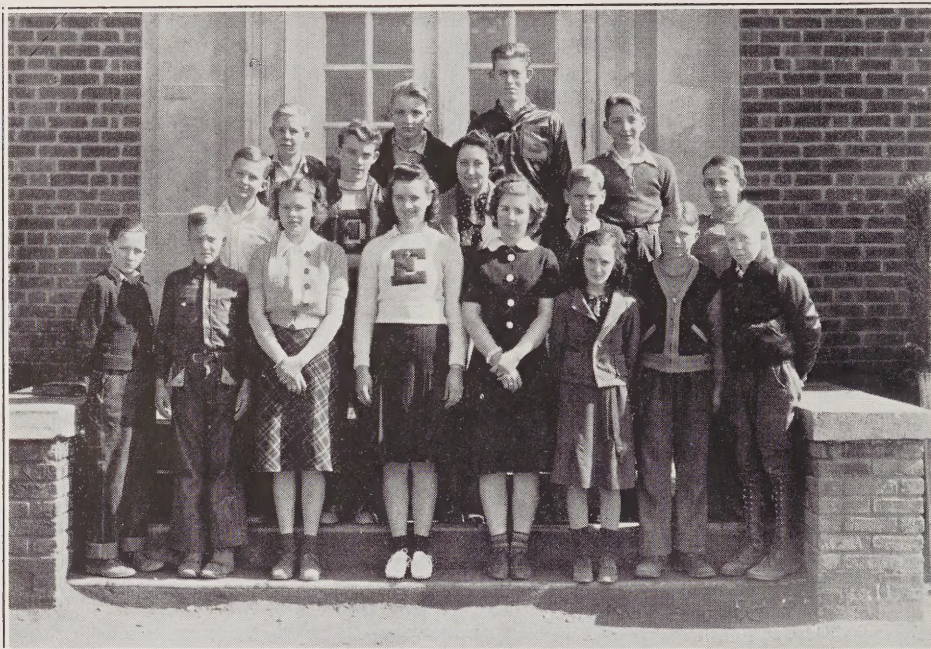
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 President, Second Year BILLY ARRINGTON
 President, Third and Fourth Years BROADETH BLACKWELL

MEMBERS

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 Frazier Sentelle
 John Norris
 James Valsame
 Glen Nicholson
 D. C. Banks
 Leon Conner
 James Long
 Shirley Baynard
 Arnold Wells
 Jack Stamey
 Cleo King
 James Earl Adcock
 Howard Capps
 Clarence Cantrell
 Buster Buckner
 Harry Smathers
 Bryan Merrill

Billy Moffitt
 Alvin Gilbert
 Bill Laughter
 Luther Cappelle
 Mark Moore
 Clarence Williams
 James Smith
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 Jesse Snyder
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William McKenna
 Richard Sentelle
 Henry Garren
 Marvin Simpson
 Jack Dalton
 Boyd Henderson
 Hamilton Boyd
 Cecil Cairnes
 Palmer Drake
 Ellis Garren
 Hamilton Hollingsworth
 Ralph Jones
 J. B. Laughter
 Joyce McKinney
 Glen Simpson
 Vernon Conner
 Willie Gash
 Broadeth Blackwell



4-H CLUB

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<i>Vice-President</i>	PRESTON WHITESIDE
<i>Secretary</i>	ARGEL WELLS

MEMBERS

Cecil Morgan	Alvin Gilbert
Argel Wells	James Earl Adcock
Opal Dalton	Claudene Cairnes
Preston Whiteside	Marjorie Merrell
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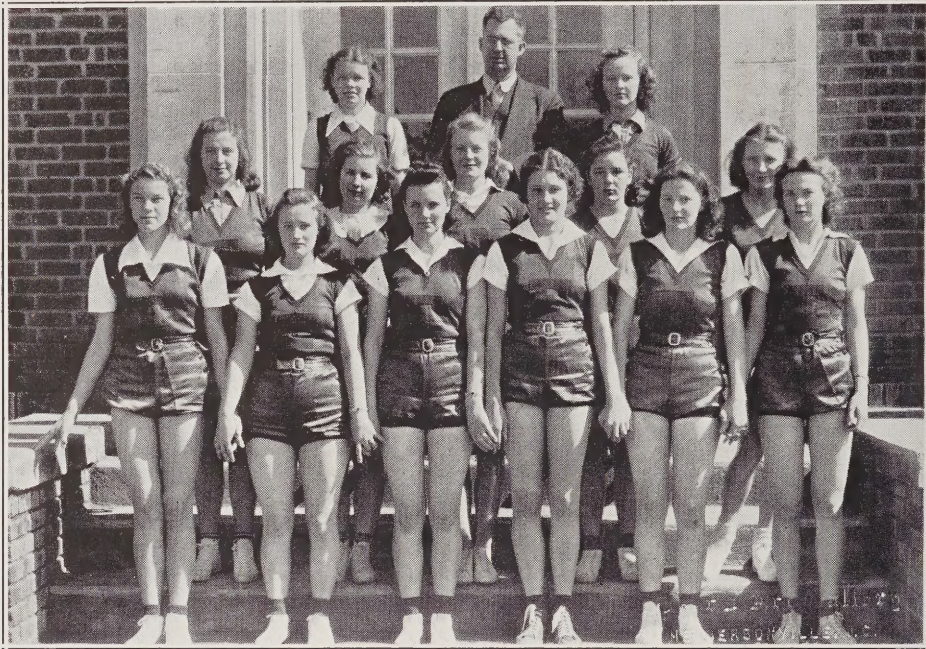
MONOGRAM CLUB

OFFICERS

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<i>Secretary</i>	ALMA MERRILL
<i>Treasurer</i>	WANDA ANDERS

MEMBERS

Julia Davis	Bill McKenna
Willie Gash	Opal Dalton
Wanda Anders	Helen McKenna
Cameron Houk	Alma Merrill
Coy Dalton	Nora Lee Allen
Marjorie Merrell	Ruth Stamey
Dorothy Simpson	Freda Marona
Broadeth Blackwell	J. B. Laughter
Wade Laughter	Glen Simpson
Marvin Simpson	Ellis Garren
Hamilton Hollingsworth	



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HENDERSON COUNTY CHAMPIONS

First row: Stamey, A. Merrill, Dalton, Anders, Davis, Capt. McKenna

Second row: Simpson, Cairnes, Marona, Garren, Allen

Third row: A. Merrill, Coach R. W. Jones, M. A. Merrill

MONOGRAM WINNERS FOR 1940

Forwards: Stamey, Dalton, Davis, McKenna

Guards: A. Merrill, Anders, M. Merrill, Allen, Simpson, Marona

The girls' basketball team started their season off with one regular returning from the last year's team. The usual schedule was played—Saluda, Flat Rock, Mills River, Fletcher, Edneyville, Valley Springs, Dana, and meeting Bethel in tournament competition. The girls only lost to Flat Rock during their entire season's schedule. They lost their Canton tournament game to Bethel.

The team emerged from the Henderson County Tournament as winners, defeating Dana in the semi-finals, and their ancient rival Flat Rock, in the finals. Thus the championship returned to Etowah for the first time in several seasons.



BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

First row: Jones, McKenna, Houk, M. Simpson

Second row: Manager H. Garren, Dalton, G. Simpson, Blackwell, Gash, Merrill

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